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1 operational lead, not intelligence, was a Mr. John Martino,
2 born 5 August 1911 in Atlantic City, New Jersey. AT the
3 time in question, that is, April 20 June of 1963, he was a
4 resident of Miami Beach, Florida, and, as I told you in my
5 previous testimony, he provided a series of operational leads
6 to some Soviets who were allegedly defectors from a missile
7 site and were in the Province of Oriente in Cuba, which we
8 were attempting to establish contact with. Mr. Martino is
9 the only individual that I am aware of during my tenure as
10 the Station Chief in Miami that we were in touch with who
11 was involved with gambling syndicates in Cuba prior to his
12 arrival in the United States.

13 Mr. Baron. And was Mr. Martino connected in any way,
14 to your knowledge, with any assassination efforts against
15 Fidel Castro?

16 Mr. Haley. Not that I know of.

17 Mr. Baron. There was one other matter that we asked
18 before we began today, and that is a remark that you made at
19 page 30 of the transcript of your previous testimony, where
20 you said, "I never recall discussing assassinations with
21 John McCone. Now, in terms of discussions with Richard
22 Helms, these were conversations in which atmospherics in
23 Miami and problems like that would be discussed and I am sure
24 somewhere in some of these conversations the mood of the
25 community, the subject of assassinations undoubtedly came up.

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